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Hospital Corps Director Celebrates Corps' 116th Anniversary

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It is with great pride and honor that I wish our hospital corpsmen a very Happy 116th birthday. Our history is well documented with stories of extraordinary heroism by hospital corpsmen who performed above and beyond the call of duty. The reality is that those heroes were corpsmen just like yourself, performing routine duties just like you. They too had the task of caring for our Nation's most precious commodity: the American citizens, our fellow shipmates and service members.

Whether on, under, or flying high above the sea, or serving in the most austere environments, hospital corpsmen continue to serve our country with distinction. Today, in the rugged mountains and valleys of Afghanistan, you stand alongside Sailors, Marines, Soldiers and Airmen, taking the fight to the enemy.

There is no doubt the Hospital Corps is the elite enlisted of all branches of service.

As we gather to celebrate, I ask that you pause briefly to reflect on our fallen heroes that have paid the ultimate sacrifice and our injured heroes who continue to recover. I have the utmost respect for them and their families. Their service and patriotism to our country should be held in the highest regard ... ALWAYS!

I am extremely proud, honored, and privileged to lead and serve the finest Sailors in the Navy. The essence of the Hospital Corps is you. Our Navy Core Values of honor, courage and commitment are evident in the legacy of the Hospital Corps that we all continue to uphold on a daily basis.

I want to extend my sincerest thanks to all hospital corpsmen and their families, both past and present, for all you have done and all you continue to do. Happy birthday Hospital Corps!


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